



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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#### FEBRUARY SHIPMENTS OF FLORIDA FISHERY PRODUCTS

Truck shipments of 3,531,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products from areas east of Cedar Keys, spread among 38 classifications, were reported during February, according to summaries released today by the Jacksonville Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 2,375,000 pounds, produced or loaded in Florida, and shipped by truck, for a similar period last year.

Of the February 1942 total, 1,260,000 pounds originated on the West Coast of the State and consisted principally of fresh mullet (889,000 pounds). Of the total fresh mullet truck shipments (980,000 pounds), the bulk was destined for Georgia (699,000 pounds), North Carolina (125,000 pounds), Virginia (21,000 pounds), South Carolina (75,000 pounds), and home consumption (39,000 pounds).

Spanish mackerel, with shipments of 508,000 pounds, most of it destined for New York (263,000 pounds) and Virginia (63,000 pounds) ranked second in output.

Kingfish (King mackerel) with East Coast shipments of 481,000 pounds (282,000 pounds destined for the New York market), ranked third.

Of the total truck shipments, 1,526,000 pounds (of which 1,380,000 were salt-water fish and 33,000 shellfish) went to Georgia; 431,000 pounds (650,000 of which were salt-water fish and 272,000 were shellfish) to New York; 181,000 pounds were shipped to Virginia; 256,000 pounds went to North Carolina; and 227,000 pounds to South Carolina.

Other items in the summaries show that 14 carloads of fresh fish of East Coast origin were shipped by freight during February from Florida to North Carolina, Illinois, Virginia, New York, and New Jersey, and 3 carloads of frozen fish (East Coast origin) went to Louisiana, Kansas, and New York. An additional carload of frozen fish and shrimp mixed (East Coast origin) went to New York.

Express shipments (of less than carload lots) included a total 7,421 packages (barrels, boxes, kegs, cartons, and tubs), spread among 17 classifications of fresh and frozen fish and shellfish. The bulk of this item--6,994 barrels and boxes of fresh fish--was destined for Florida, west, and central, Gulf, and eastern States of the country.